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Some good ideas
just like in 1303!

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As I was looking for my fourth article I came across an article called, "Talking with Parents When Concerns Come Up" by Elizabeth L. Morgan, which automatically caught my attention because that's one of the issues that is important to me in the future when I become a teacher. The article is mainly about how teachers should approach and talk to parents when the teachers or the parent have an issue with a child. Parent and teacher discussions can be very stressful for both parties and the article gives you tips so tension will be decreased and a good parent and teacher relationship can be built. I liked how the author broke the article up in different categories. I agree with Elizabeth L. Morgan that speaking about a problem about their child to parent can be very hard for the parent to realize and accept the issue. I'm not a parent but I have many friends with children and I know that many of my friends would be angry if someone talked about their child if they had a problem. I didn't disagree with any of the points involved in the story because I feel they were all important and helpful. I found it important as a teacher to make sure and let the parents know that they are good parents and what they decide on about their child's issue will be enforced in school if the teacher's advice is not taken. Also if a parent is worried about a behavior in their child and it is normal in their age group it's important to let them know that it is a common behavior in their age, so they won't have to worry about it. I liked when the article talked about how trust between a teacher and parent should be established and using I- messages to tell the concerns. It's interesting to read about a few simple changes in a teacher's dialogue can change everything. For example, using I- messages makes the parents aware that the teacher is saying her feelings. Teachers and parents have to work

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together and get along in order to be able to help the child. It's also important as a teacher to be informed and aware of the different values and cultures, so when it comes to behaviors the teacher can be ready for any situation to come. As I was reading the article I came across many new terms, which I didn't know what they were. For instance, the word insurmountable I now know it means impossible to surmount. I learned what the word perplexed means, which is to confuse or trouble with uncertainty or doubt. The word hubbub was also a new term, which means a loud noise; din. It's amazing of how much you can learn with just reading an article like this one. It really gives you some very good tips to use.